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### HANDLING GUIDELINES AMID COVID-19 CONCERNS

Dear Valued Travel Agents,

The following handling guidelines shall apply to all affected passengers amid COVID-19 concerns.

These shall apply to all international and domestic routes on PR and 2P operational flights including codeshare and interline whether totally unused or partially used tickets.

#### **FOR INVOLUNTARY CHANGES**

Applicable for the following:

- A. All passengers holding tickets with travel from 15 March to 30 April 2020. OR
- B. All passengers affected by cancelled flights due to COVID-19 covering period 02 February to 30 June 2020 and/or passengers covered by a travel ban.

Applicable also to all sectors in the ticket provided that all sectors are in PR 079 plate.

#### **Guidelines:**

1. Waive change fee without additional fare collection if new travel date is on the same cabin (or class of service) and same route.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTES:**

- -If the same BCC is not available, please use Booking Class "M" for economy, and next available BCC for premium economy/business class tickets. Indicate old fare basis/fare of original ticket.
- -For tickets with beyond routes (PR-OAL), please follow original BCC on old ticket of OAL sector.
- Booking for codeshare will also follow original BCC
- -Valid for travel until 30 November only (travel completion) or within ticket validity, whichever comes first.

Blackout dates for Canada/USA: (Ex-Canada/USA) 15June to 31July 2020 (Ex-PH) 15 July to 15 September 2020

- 1.a For passengers who opt to travel during above blackout dates or 01 December 2020 until 30 June 2021 (travel completion), waive change fee on the same route, within ticket validity, collect fare/tax difference.
- 1.b Partially Used Tickets (with expired NVA) are allowed to extend ONCE without additional fare collection on the same cabin until 31 July 2020 travel only. If the same BCC is not available, please use Booking Class "M" for economy, and next available BCC for premium economy/business class tickets. Not valid on peak season for Canada/USA.
- 1.c For rerouting, waive change fee, collect fare difference and applicable taxes, within ticket validity. Indicate in the new ticket "INVOL COVID19" in the endorsement/restriction field.



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2. If passenger is undecided on new travel date, convert the full unused value of the refundable or nonrefundable ticket into EMD. For EMD issuance, refer to PR Contact Center (1-800-435-9725). EMD must be issued by 30 November 2020.

Travel Voucher (EMD) Incentive - passengers who opt to convert unused value of ticket to EMD, will have an additional 10% of unused value as incentive.

EMD Terms and Conditions: The Travel Voucher is initially valid for 1 year. Extension for another year must be requested by passenger 7 days before expiry of the initial validity date through PAL direct channels. EMD can be used to purchase PAL tickets/baggage/seat. This is not transferrable but refundable. For more information, you may refer to the PAL Website.

- 2. If passenger insists, refund full unused value without penalties. Indicate: INVOL DUE TO COVID19 PRxxx/(flight date) (XLD, as applicable).
- 3. For international passengers with domestic connection within the lockdown period that will result to an outof-sequence ticket and who will request to forfeit domestic sector, allow without fee (agent to refer to CPC for status change to USED).

#### FOR VOLUNTARY CHANGES

Applicable for tickets issued on/before 30 APRIL 2020 (not covered by cancellation or not covered by a travel ban). Applicable only for tickets on PAL 079 plate. Not applicable for previously waived change fees due to either fare rules, special handling guidelines or ad hoc requests.

#### **Guidelines:**

For tickets with travel dates 01 JUNE 2020 onwards, rebooking must be made by 30 NOVEMBER 2020, changes/reissuance must be made at least 7 days before original flight departure.

1. Waive change fee **once** within original ticket validity. Collect fare difference / taxes, if applicable.

Indicate waiver code in the new ticket ""USA0311RI001E", in the endorsement/restriction field.

2. Applicable penalties per fare brand shall apply if the above conditions are not met Fare brands included are:

## Economy Supersaver / Economy Saver / Economy Value **Business Value\* for Auckland and Middle East**

Currently the following fare brands allow rebooking: Economy Flex / Premium Economy/ Business Value\* (excluding AKL & ME) - 1st Rebooking Free Business Flex - No Penalty for Rebooking/Rerouting/Upgrading/Reissuance

- 3. If passenger is undecided on new travel date
  - -convert the full unused value of the refundable or non-refundable ticket into EMD.
  - -For EMD issuance, refer to PR Contact Center at 1-800-435-9725. EMD must be issued by 30 November 2020.





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EMD Terms and Conditions: The Travel Voucher is valid for 1 year and can be used to purchase PAL tickets/baggage/seat. This is not transferrable. For refund, follow fare rule of the ticket. For more information, you may refer to the PAL Website.

4. If passenger still insists refund, follow fare rules.

### **OTHERS**

- 1. Failure to collect applicable fees / taxes and to follow fare rules will be subject to Debit Memo.
- 2. For international passengers with domestic connection within the lockdown period that will result to an outof- sequence ticket and who will request to forfeit domestic sector, allow without fee (agent to refer to CPC for status change to USED).
- 3. For scenarios/transactions not mentioned above, refer to your Sales Office.

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